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4. Mr. Birkfield of the House Judiciary Committee called to ask whether CIA had had a hand in the drafting of Reorganization Plans 7 and 8, or whether we could inform him who had drafted these plans. He desired this information in order to get some assistance in their official codification. I suggested that he might call Mr. Gleason at NSC.

5. The Bureau of the Budget has suggested to Mr. Saunders that we contact the House Appropriations Committee to determine what was meant by their limitation language as to personnel. I called Mr. Sprankle who informed me that the figure was intended to be the average employment for 1953. This did not mean the number of bodies budgeted for or the maximum number employed during fiscal year 1953. It meant the average number of bodies on board during 1953. In reply to a subsequent call from Colonel White, Sprankle stated that the Committee really had a fixed figure in their mind, broken down between departmental and overseas. This figure is approximately the figure on duty at close of business on 30 June 1953.

6. Colonel White informed me that Mr. Neese, appropriations assistant to Senator Ferguson, stated that Senator Ferguson in company with Senator McCarran wished to meet with Mr. Dulles and Mr. Saunders in connection with the CIA budget. The date has been set for 3 July.

7. Tentative concurrence has been given by Speaker Martin to the establishment of a special House committee of five members to study the subject of foundations, in accordance with H. Res. 217 introduced by Congressman Reece of Tennessee. Rules Committee approval is expected to be forthcoming in July. It is not believed to be the present purpose of Mr. Reece (who will probably chair the Committee) to make a dragnet survey of all foundations or badger foundations with additional questionnaires. The main purpose will be to study a select few foundations which are believed to be fronts for subversive activities. Tentative agreement has been reached to designate Rene Wormser, a New York attorney, as counsel for the Committee. If Mr. Wormser should get into any activity in which CIA has an interest, I can arrange for an immediate personal introduction. As a precaution, in case it is necessary for us to approach Mr. Wormser, we are requesting an operational security check. This resolution is being brought to the attention of DD/P and DD/A.

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8. Congressman Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., has introduced H. Con. Res. 113, calling on the Government to take all possible action to bring about the release of Donald Dixon and his twenty-nine compatriots held by the Chinese Communists and stating that the sense of the Congress that inhuman and barbaric action of the Chinese Communist regime forms a basic obstacle to world peace. Congresswoman Church of Illinois has introduced H. Res. 297, declaring it to be the sense of the House that the Chinese Communist Government should not be admitted to the United Nations. These resolutions have been forwarded to DD/P for information.

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